



Astor Library
Astoria, Oregon

Dedication
October 8, 1967

DEDICATION PROGRAM

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Robert J. Hanson, Presiding
Past Chairman, Board of Trustees

INVOCATION The Rev. Bruce Pond
Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church

PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND FLAG SALUTE
Astoria and Seaside Explorer Scouts

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM GUESTS

WELCOME Dr. Robert D. Neikes
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Astoria Public Library

COMMENTS Dr. Lee C. Johnson
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Oregon State Library

REMARKS Hon. Gavin Astor

PRESENTATION OF BUILDING Ernest Brown, AIA, Architect

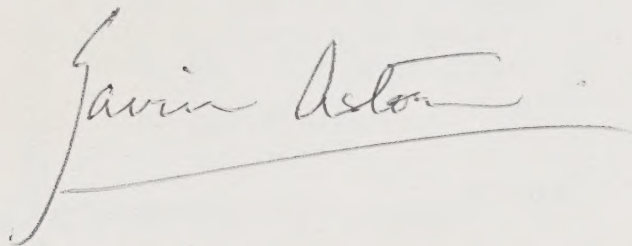
ACCEPTANCE OF BUILDING , Hon. Harry M. Steinbock
Mayor, City of Astoria
Bruce R. Berney,
Librarian, The Astor Library

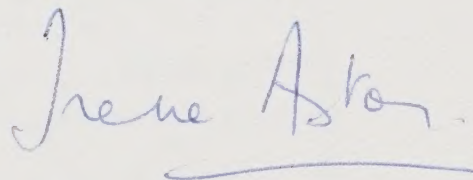
DEDICATION ADDRESS Hon. Thomas L. McCall
Governor, State of Oregon

BENEDICTION The Rev. Bruce Pond

POSTING OF COLORS IN FLAG ROOM
American Legion, Post 12; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 371

OPEN HOUSE

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THE BUILDING

Site provided by City of Astoria. Library area, main floor 8800 sq. ft., mezanine 1764 sq. ft., full basement for future needs. Book capacity, 60,000 volumes. Adult reading area, 58 seats. Children's reading area, 26 seats. Flag Room, 70 seats. Parking facilities, 36 spaces.

Revenue:

Astor Fund	\$107,306
Veterans' Memorial Fund	65,602
American Legion, Post 12	11,000
Federal grants	123,000
Citizens' contributions	12,576
Interest earned on funds	7,308
City of Astoria, General Fund	43,300
Library Fund	8,000
TOTAL	\$378,092

SERVICES

HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

LENDING COLLECTIONS

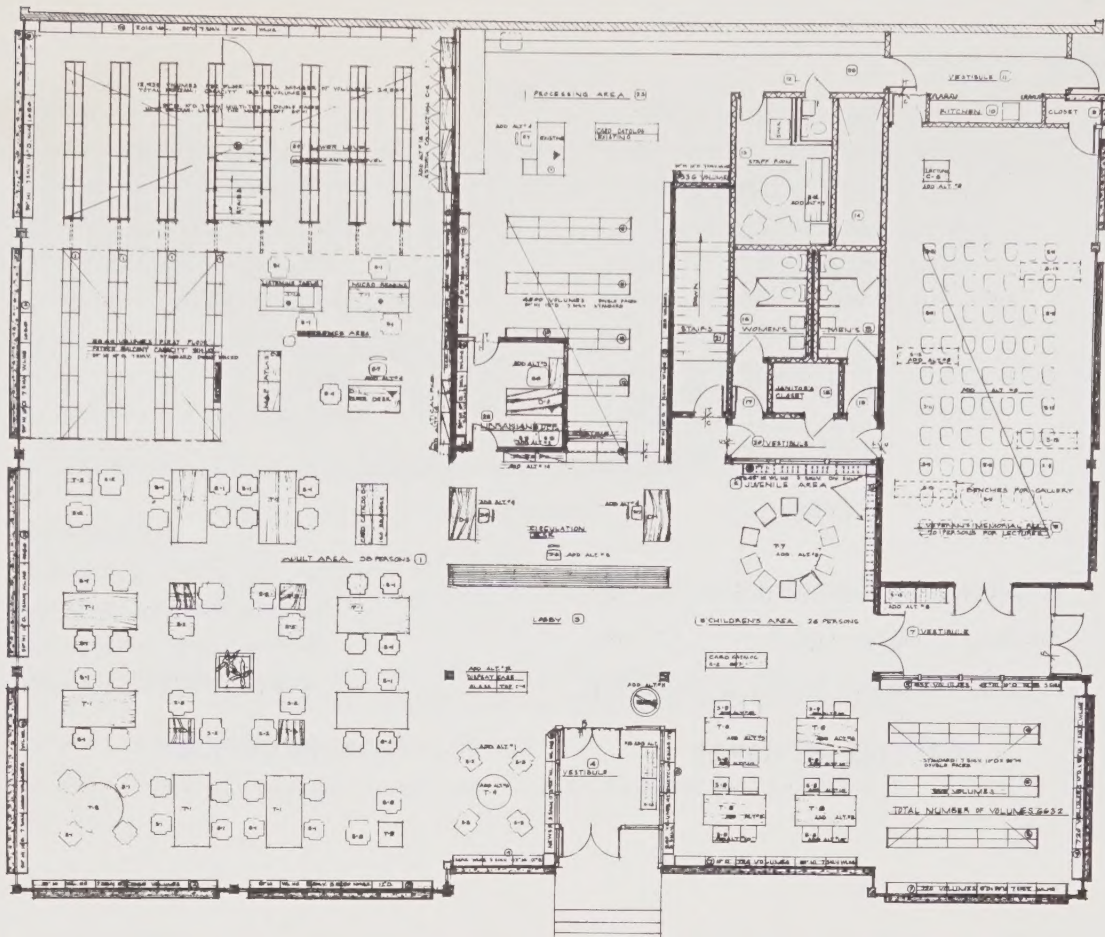
Children's, Young adult, Adult; Large print books; Scandinavian languages; Magazines and pamphlets; Phonograph records; Inter-library loans.

REFERENCE SERVICES

Questions answered in person or by telephone; Local and national newspapers; Astoria newspapers on microfilm; Astoriana historical collection; Government documents; Quadrangle map; Photo duplication.

THE FLAG ROOM

Educational, cultural, and civic meetings; Children's story hours; Film showings; Record concerts.



CITY COUNCIL

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Dale F. Curry, City Manager
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Arnold C. Swanson, Bill Wilson,
Commissioners

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Bruce R. Berney, Librarian
Laurence Solomon, Oregon State Library,
Consultant

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Bruce R. Berney, Librarian
Mrs. Mary L. Mason, Mrs. Paul Flood,
Mrs. C. B. Engeman, Mrs. Darrell Demory,
Mrs. Charles Smith
Library Consultant: John D. Henderson
Architects: Brown & Brown, AIA
Rodney Grider, Associate, AIA
General Contractor: Albert J. Mittet
Interior Consultant: George M. Schwarz
Landscape Architect: Lloyd Bond

HISTORY

- 1892 Incorporation of Astoria Public Library Association; Membership \$3.00 per year. Reading Room at 185 - 11th Street.
- 1904 Became tax supported city department.
- 1905 Moved to second floor of old city hall, now Columbia River Maritime Museum.
- 1938 Moved to Elks' Building, main floor.
- 1941 Clatsop County Library formed. Bookmobile service provided for rural areas.
- 1946 Clatsop County Veterans' Memorial Library Fund incorporated.
- 1952 City of Astoria library reestablished.
- 1958 Moved to Sheahan Building.
- 1958-1960 North Coastal Regional Library sponsored by Rural Library Services Act and State of Oregon.
- 1964 Permanent tax base approved by city voters. Gifts from Astor family and Veterans' Memorial Library Fund launch construction plans.
- 1966 First concrete poured, June 14.
- 1967 Seventy-fifth anniversary. New building dedicated October 8.

Program Courtesy Astoria Rotary Club

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